

Attention FDA

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It came to my attention that the FDA is being asked to take away my right to sign a medical waiver before purchasing a hearing aid. Instead I would be forced to have a medical exam or hearing test. Here's my views and/or experiences on several related questions?

1. Should I be forced to have a medical exam and/or hearing test before purchasing a hearing aid? If so, should the FDA pay for the exam?

No medical exam should be required.

2. Some people are physically unable to drive to a doctor or hearing specialist, or have had bad experiences they don't want to repeat. For instance ...

3. Should the FDA take away my Constitutional Right, affirmed by the Supreme Court, to decide for myself my medical exams and treatment?

Trial of several hearing aids, as is permitted by Excel, is better than the medical exam. Any hearing aid can be returned to Excel in the time specified so you can try another.

4. Should I be allowed to purchase hearing aids by mail as I choose?

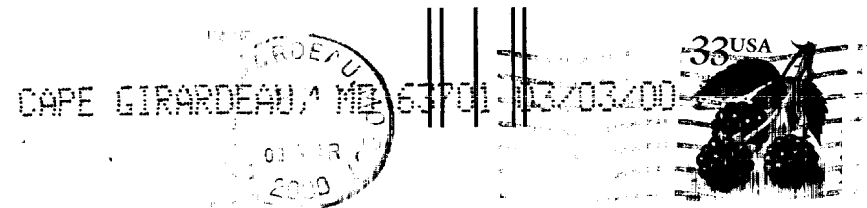
I like the Excel hearing aid I bought from Excel Hearing Solutions. I had no medical exam but I knew my problem from prior exams. The device is just fine and serves my purpose. We need no law requiring medical exams prior to purchase

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